



**ALARA presents**

**A Conversation with Lesley Wood, North-West University (South Africa)**

**DOING RESEARCH THAT MATTERS:  
TRANSLATING A SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCE TO AUSTRALIA**

The reality for the majority of school leavers in township and rural communities in South Africa is that they will not be able to find steady employment. These young people lose hope, become disillusioned and despondent, and often slide into dysfunctional ways – e.g., crime, substance abuse, entering into unhealthy relationships. Yet, there is much potential within these young people if only they can learn to harness and improve their lives and the lives of others. I will share with you some of the ways the South African University partnered with community to conduct research that led to sustainable, relevant and ethical change. I invite you to consider these ways and share your ideas on the pressing issue and solutions to youth unemployment from an Australian perspective.

The session will start with the launch by Maureen Todhunter (Copy-editor) of Lesley's and Ortrun's new book:

Ortrun Zuber-Skerritt & Lesley Wood, (Eds). (2019). *Action learning and action research: Genres and approaches*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

**Lesley Wood** is Professor and Director of Community-based Educational Research at North-West University, South Africa. Her research aims to advance action research for personal, professional and community development, with particular focus on promoting social justice.

**Where:** Residents' Lounge at Yeronga Village, 15 Cansdale St, Yeronga Qld 4104.

**When:** **Thursday, 11 April**, 5.30 – 8.00 pm

**Parking:** Visitors' Car Park or street parking on Cansdale St or Venner Rd

**Cost:** Free, sponsored by the Village Management, including room and refreshments.

**R.S.V.P.** By Sunday, **7 April**. Please text or email Wilma Schouten on 0409 561 601 or [wilmaschouten7@gmail.com](mailto:wilmaschouten7@gmail.com)

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**ALARA's** vision is promoting action learning and action research so it is widely used and publicly shared by individuals and groups, to create local and global change that makes society more equitable, just, joyful, productive and sustainable.

**You don't have to be an ALARA member to attend. Any questions about ALARA can be asked at the Conversation.**